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SUBJECT: MRS. GANDHI

REF :

PRIME MINISTER GANDHI COMMENTED ON INDIA'S RELATIONS WITH THE US, THE USSR, AND CHINA

REGARDING THE US, MRS. GANDHI SAID:

--WASHINGTON'S POLICY TOWARD THE SUBCONTINENT SEEMS TO HAVE UNDERGONE A TOTAL TRANSFORMATION UNDER SECRETARY KISSINGER, AND THE PRO-PAKISTAN TILT HAS DISAPPEARED;

--DURING SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT TO INDIA, EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO CONVINCE HIM OF THE FUTILITY OF THE DIEGO GARCIA BASE, BUT INDIA WILL NOT MAGNIFY THE ISSUE TO THE POINT OF THREATENING THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDO-US RELATIONS.

MRS. GANDHI MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS REGARDING THE SOVIET

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UNION:

--INDIA HAS THE BEST POSSIBLE RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW;

--THE SOVIETS HAVE NOT BEEN DETECTED INTERFERING IN INDIA'S
INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND HAVE CAUTIONED THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA
AGAINST FOLLOWING AN EXTREMIST POLICY;

--HER GOVERNMENT HAS REJECTED A RECENT SUGGESTION FROM
MOSCOW THAT INDIA GRANT THE USSR "SCIENTIFIC BASES."

ON CHINA, MRS. GANDHI STATED:

--SHE BELIEVES THAT ONCE INDO-PAKISTANI RELATIONS ARE
NORMALIZED, PEKING WILL TAKE STEPS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH
NEW DELHI; HOWEVER, HER GOVERNMENT WILL NOT REJECT SOVIET FRIEND-
SHIP TO ATTAIN NORMALIZATION WITH CHINA;

--INDIA IS READY TO RESOLVE OUTSTANDING BORDER QUESTIONS WITH
CHINA ON THE BASIS OF THE STATUS QUO AND CHINA IS AWARE OF THIS.

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